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25 MILLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARDS

Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed on Tues., April 10, will present national awards to 25 Millard elementary schools.

Millard Public Schools is leading the way in Nebraska by taking extra steps to emphasize physical fitness and healthy eating at school and by participating in the HealthierUS School Challenge.

Bev Benes, Nebraska director of nutrition services, will join Breed in presenting the awards on Tues., April 10, 4:15 p.m., at Millard South High School, 14905 Q St., in Omaha. The awards will be presented at a Future Chefs Healthy Challenge for 2012 event for all Millard elementary schools.

The HealthierUS School Challenge is a voluntary national certification initiative for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the initiative encourages all schools to take a leadership role in helping students to make healthier eating and physical activity choices that will last a lifetime.

Schools, such as Millard Public Schools, are working hard to make changes to their school nutrition environment to improve the quality of the foods served, provide students with nutrition education and to provide students with physical education and opportunities for physical activity.

The Millard elementary schools will receive the Bronze Award of Distinction, which includes a \$500 award.

Benes said other Nebraska schools are working to qualify for the award. Schools interested in learning more about the award may contact Bev Benes at Bev.Benes@nebraska.gov, 402.471.3566 or Zainab Rida, Zainab.Rida@nebraska.gov, 402.471.4620.